



San Joaquin Valley

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT



JUL 17 2015

Robert Beebout
Aera Energy LLC
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RE: Final – Authority to Construct/Certificate of Conformity (Minor Mod)
Facility Number: S-1135
Project Number: S-1151262

Dear Mr. Beebout:

The Air Pollution Control Officer has issued the an Authority to Construct permit to Aera Energy LLC. The project authorizes modification of a Thermally Enhanced Oil Recovery (TEOR) operation by installing of a test separator vented to an existing vapor control system, at the heavy oil central stationary source.

Enclosed is the Authority to Construct permit. The District's analysis of the proposal was sent to US EPA Region IX on May 22, 2015. No comments were received following the District's preliminary decision on this project.

Prior to operating with the modifications authorized by the Authority to Construct, you must submit an application to modify the Title V permit as an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520, Section 11.5. Application forms may be found on the District's website at www.valleyair.org.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Leonard Scandura at (661) 392-5500.

Sincerely,


Arnaud Marjollet
Director of Permit Services

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Enclosure

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AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT (ATC)

QUICK START GUIDE

1. **Pay Invoice.** Please pay enclosed invoice before due date.
2. **Fully Understand ATC.** Make sure you understand ALL conditions in the ATC prior to construction, modification and/or operation.
3. **Follow ATC.** You must construct, modify and/or operate your equipment as specified on the ATC. Any unspecified changes may require a new ATC.
4. **Notify District.** You must notify the District's Compliance Department, at the telephone numbers below, upon start-up and/or operation under the ATC. Please record the date construction or modification commenced and the date the equipment began operation under the ATC. You may NOT operate your equipment until you have notified the District's Compliance Department. A startup inspection may be required prior to receiving your Permit to Operate.
5. **Source Test.** Schedule and perform any required source testing. See http://www.valleyair.org/busind/comply/source_testing.htm for source testing resources.
6. **Maintain Records.** Maintain all records required by ATC. Records are reviewed during every inspection (or upon request) and must be retained for 5 years.

By operating in compliance, you are doing your part to improve air quality for all Valley residents.

**For assistance, please contact District Compliance staff at
any of the telephone numbers listed below.**

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AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-1135-128-24

ISSUANCE DATE: 07/17/2015

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: AERA ENERGY LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 11164
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93389-1164

LOCATION: HEAVY OIL WESTERN STATIONARY SOURCE
MIDWAY-SUNSET
KERN COUNTY, CA

SECTION: SW16 **TOWNSHIP:** 31S **RANGE:** 22E

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:

MODIFICATION OF THERMALLY ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY OPERATION (TEOR) SERVING 265 STEAM ENHANCED WELLS INCLUDING BALANCED WELL VENT CONTROL SYSTEM, PIPING TO DISPOSAL WELLS, TIED TO TEOR S-1135-129, AND TVR S-1135-149 AND S-1135-281 (NEELY LEASE): ADD NEW TEST SEPARATOR

CONDITIONS

1. This Authority to Construct serves as a written certificate of conformity with the procedural requirements of 40 CFR 70.7 and 70.8 and with the compliance requirements of 40 CFR 70.6(c). [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
2. Prior to operating with modifications authorized by this Authority to Construct, the facility shall submit an application to modify the Title V permit with an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520 Section 5.3.4. [District Rule 2520, 5.3.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
3. The crude oil production from wells associated with this permit unit shall not lie within 1000 feet of an air injection well used for in-situ combustion. [District Rule 4407, 2.0, 3.4, and 3.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
4. During the time any steam-enhanced crude oil production well is undergoing service or repair while the well is not producing, it shall be exempt from the emission control requirements of District Rule 4401, 5.0 (as amended June 16, 2011). [District Rule 4401, 4.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
5. All required source testing shall conform to the compliance testing procedures described in District Rule 1081(as amended December 16, 1993). [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AT (661) 392-5500 WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED AND PRIOR TO OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT OR MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT. This is NOT a PERMIT TO OPERATE. Approval or denial of a PERMIT TO OPERATE will be made after an inspection to verify that the equipment has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and conditions of this Authority to Construct, and to determine if the equipment can be operated in compliance with all Rules and Regulations of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Unless construction has commenced pursuant to Rule 2050, this Authority to Construct shall expire and application shall be cancelled two years from the date of issuance. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, ordinances and regulations of all other governmental agencies which may pertain to the above equipment.

Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director / APCO


Arnaud Marjollet, Director of Permit Services

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6. Compliance with permit conditions in the Title V permit shall be deemed compliance with SJVUAPCD Rule 4401 (Amended January 15, 1998), excluding sections 5.1 and 5.2 for control systems which have been waived from complying with the requirement of section 6.2.1. A permit shield is granted from these requirements. [District Rule 2520, 13.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
7. The crude oil production wells associated with this unit do not have production enhanced by in-situ combustion. Therefore, the requirements of SJVUAPCD Rule 4407 (Adopted May 19, 1994) do not apply to this permit unit. A permit shield is granted from this requirement. [District Rule 2520, 13.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
8. TEOR gas injected into formation shall only be performed using Department of Oil, Gas & Geothermal (DOGGR) approved disposal wells. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
9. Permittee shall cease injecting vapors and notify the District immediately if DOGGR disposal approval is revoked, denied, terminated, surrendered or altered to disallow disposal. This condition does not grant the permittee relief from any permit condition or other requirement of the Clean Air Act. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
10. Permittee shall maintain with the permit a listing (updated annually within 60 days of permit anniversary) of all steam enhanced wells connected to the casing vent control system. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
11. Permittee shall maintain with the permit an accurate fugitive component count and resulting emissions calculated using EPA Publication 453/R-95-017 November 1995. Permit count and resulting emissions shall be updated annually within 60 days of permit anniversary. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
12. TEOR vapors shall be injected to the formation (via DOGGR approved disposal wells) or shall be contained within balanced casing vent collection system, or well casing vents shall be closed and produced fluids handled only in controlled production equipment. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
13. Collected liquids shall be handled, stored, and disposed of in a manner preventing air contaminant emissions. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
14. VOC fugitive emissions from the components in gas service for this permit unit shall not exceed 16.3 lb/day. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
15. VOC fugitive emissions from the components in gas service from the piping from CPMS to the existing piping on the Casing Gas Collection System shall not exceed 0.1 lb/day. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
16. Permittee shall maintain accurate component count for tank according to CAPCOA's "California Implementation Guidelines for Estimating Mass Emissions of Fugitive Hydrocarbon Leaks at Petroleum Facilities," Table IV-2c (Feb 1999), Screening Value Range emission factors < 10,000 ppmv. Permittee shall update such records when new components are approved and installed. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
17. The fugitive emissions component inspection and reinspection requirements of Section 5.4 of this rule shall not apply to components exclusively handling gas/vapor or liquid with a VOC content of ten percent by weight or less (10 wt.%), as determined by the test methods in Section 6.3.4. [District Rule 4401, 4.7 and 5.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
18. The uncontrolled VOC emissions from any well vent shall be reduced by at least 99 percent by weight or, if several steam-enhanced crude oil production well vents are connected to a vapor collection and control system, total uncontrolled VOC emissions shall be reduced by at least 99 percent. [District Rule 4401, 5.1 and 5.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
19. An operator shall not operate a steam-enhanced crude oil production well unless either of the following two conditions are met: 1) The steam-enhanced crude oil production well vent is closed and the front line production equipment downstream of the wells that carry produced fluids is connected to a VOC collection and control system as defined in Section 3.0 of this Rule or 2) the steam-enhanced crude oil production well vent is open and the well vent is connected to a VOC collection and control system as defined in Section 3.0. [District Rule 4401, 5.1 and 5.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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20. There shall be no open-ended line or a valve located at the end of the line that is not sealed with a blind flange, plug, cap, or a second closed valve that is not closed at all times, except during attended operations requiring process fluid flow through the open-ended lines. Attended operations include draining or degassing operations, connection of temporary process equipment, sampling of process streams, emergency venting, and other normal operational needs, provided such operations are done as expeditiously as possible and with minimal spillage of material and VOC emissions to the atmosphere. [District Rule 4401, 5.2.2.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
21. There shall be no components with a major liquid leak as defined in Section 3.20.2 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 5.2.2.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
22. There shall be no components with a gas leak of greater than 50,000 ppmv. [District Rule 4401, 5.2.2.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
23. An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any District inspection demonstrates or if any operator inspection conducted pursuant to Section 5.4 of Rule 4401 demonstrates the existence of any combination of components with minor liquid leaks, minor gas leaks, or gas leaks greater than 10,000 ppmv up to 50,000 ppmv that totals more than number of leaks allowed by Table 2 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 5.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
24. No leaking components (as defined in Section 5.2 of Rule 4401) may be used unless they have been identified with a tag for repair, are repaired, or awaiting re-inspection after being repaired within the applicable time frame specified in Section 5.5. [District Rule 4401, 5.2 and 5.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
25. Each hatch shall be closed at all times except during attended repair, replacement, or maintenance operations, providing such activities are done as expeditiously as possible with minimal spillage or material and VOC emissions into the atmosphere. [District Rule 4401, 5.3.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
26. The operator shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.7 if there is any change in the description of major components or critical components. [District Rule 4401, 5.3.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
27. Unless otherwise specified in Section 5.4, an operator shall perform all component inspections and gas leak measurements pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.3.3. [District Rule 4401, 5.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
28. Except for pipes and unsafe-to-monitor components, an operator shall inspect all other components pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.3.3 at least once every year. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
29. An operator shall visually inspect all pipes at least once every year. Any visual inspection of pipes that indicates a leak that cannot be immediately repaired to meet the leak standards of this rule shall be inspected within 24 hours after detecting the leak. If a leak is found, the leak shall be repaired as soon as practicable but not later than the time frame specified in Table 3 of this Rule. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
30. An operator shall inspect for leaks all accessible operating pumps, compressors, and PRDs in service as follows: 1) An operator shall audio-visually (by hearing and by sight) inspect for leaks all accessible operating pumps, compressors, and PRDs in service at least once each calendar week. 2) Any audio-visual inspection of an accessible operating pump, compressor, and PRD performed by an operator that indicates a leak that cannot be immediately repaired to meet the leak standards of this rule shall be inspected not later than 24 hours after conducting the audio-visual inspection. If a leak is found, the leak shall be repaired as soon as practicable but not later than the time frame specified in Table 3 of this Rule. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
31. The operator shall also perform the following inspections: 1) An operator shall initially inspect a PRD that releases to the atmosphere as soon as practicable but not later than 24 hours after the discovery of the release. An operator shall re-inspect the PRD not earlier than 24 hours after the initial inspection but not later than 15 calendar days after the initial inspection. 2) An operator shall inspect all new, replaced, or repaired fittings, flanges, and threaded connections within 72 hours of placing the component in service, and 3) Except for PRDs subject to the requirements of Section 5.4.4.1 of this Rule, an operator shall inspect a component that has been repaired or replaced not later than 15 calendar days after the component was repaired or replaced. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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32. Components located in unsafe areas shall be inspected and repaired at the next process unit turnaround and inaccessible components shall be inspected at least annually. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
33. A District inspection in no way fulfills any of the mandatory inspection requirements that are placed upon operators and cannot be used or counted as an inspection required of an operator. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.6] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
34. Upon detection of a leak, an operator shall affix a readily visible weatherproof tag to that leaking component that includes the following information: 1) The date and time of leak detection; 2) The date and time of the leak measurement; 3) For a gaseous leak, the leak concentration in ppmv; 4) For a liquid leak, whether it is a major or minor liquid leak; and 5) Whether the component is an essential component, and unsafe-to-monitor component, or a critical component. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
35. The tag shall remain affixed to the leaky component until all the following requirements are met: 1) The component is repaired or replaced, 2) The component is re-inspected as set forth in Section 6.3, and 3) The component is found to be in compliance with this Rule. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
36. An operator shall minimize a component leak in order to stop or reduce leakage to the atmosphere immediately to the extent possible, but not later than one (1) hour after detection of the leak. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
37. Except for leaking critical components or leaking essential components subject to the requirements of Section 5.9.7, if an operator has minimized a leak but the leak still exceeds the applicable leak limits as defined in Section 3.0, an operator shall comply with at least one of the following three requirements as soon as practicable but not later than the time period specified in Table 3: 1) Repair or replace the leaking component, 2) Vent the leaking component to a VOC collection and control system as defined in Section 3.0, or 3) Remove the leaking component from operation. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
38. The repair period in calendar days shall not exceed 14 days for minor gas leaks, 5 days for major gas leaks less than or equal to 50,000 ppmv, 2 days for gas leak greater than 50,000 ppmv, 3 days for minor liquid leaks, 2 days for major liquid leaks. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
39. The leak rate measured after leak minimization has been performed shall be the leak rate used to determine the applicable repair period specified in Table 3. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
40. The time of the initial leak detection shall be the start of the repair period specified in Table 3. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.6] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
41. If the leaking component is an essential component or a critical component that cannot be immediately shut down for repairs, and if the leak has been minimized but the leak still exceeds the applicable leak standard of this rule, the operator shall repair or replace the essential component or critical component to eliminate the leak during the next process unit turnaround, but in no case later than one year from the date of the original leak detection, whichever comes earlier. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.7] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
42. The operator of any steam-enhanced crude oil production well shall maintain records of the date and well identification where steam injection or well stimulation occurs. [District Rule 4401, 6.1.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
43. An operator of any steam-enhanced crude oil production well shall keep source test records which demonstrate compliance with the control efficiency requirements of the VOC collection and control system as defined in Section 3.0 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 6.1.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
44. The operator of any steam-enhanced crude oil production well shall maintain an inspection log pursuant to Section 6.4 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 6.1.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
45. Records shall be maintained of each calibration of the portable hydrocarbon detection instrument utilized for inspecting components, including a copy of current calibration gas certification from the vendor of said calibration gas cylinder, the date of calibration, concentration of calibration gas, instrument reading of calibration gas before adjustment, instrument reading of calibration gas after adjustment, calibration gas expiration date, and calibration gas cylinder pressure at the time of calibration [District Rule 4401, 6.1.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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46. An operator shall maintain copies at the facility of the training records of the training program operated pursuant to Section 6.5 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 6.1.6] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
47. An operator shall source test annually all vapor collection and control systems used to control emissions from steam-enhanced crude oil production well vents to determine the control efficiency of the device(s) used for destruction or removal of VOC. Compliance testing shall be performed annually by source testers certified by ARB. Testing shall be performed during June, July, August, or September of each year if the system's control efficiency is dependent upon ambient air temperature. [District Rule 4401, 6.2.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
48. If approved by EPA, ARB, and the APCO, an operator need not comply with the annual testing requirement of Section 6.2.1 if all uncondensed VOC emissions collected by a vapor collection and control system are incinerated in fuel burning equipment, an internal combustion engine or in a smokeless flare. [District Rule 4401, 6.2.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
49. An operator shall comply with the following requirements for each gauge tank, as defined in Section 3.17 of Rule 4401: Conduct an initial TVP testing of the produced fluid in each gauge tank not later than June 14, 2007. Thereafter, an operator shall conduct periodic TVP testing of each gauge tank at least once every 24 months during summer (July - September), and whenever there is a change in the source or type of produced fluid in the gauge tank. The TVP testing shall be conducted at the actual storage temperature of the produced fluid in the gauge tank using the applicable TVP test method specified in Section 6.4 of Rule 4623 (Storage of Organic Liquids). The operator shall submit the TVP testing results to the APCO as specified in Section 6.1.9 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 6.2.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
50. The control efficiency of any VOC control device, measured and calculated as carbon, shall be determined by EPA Method 25, except when the outlet concentration must be below 50 ppm in order to meet the standard, in which case EPA Method 25a may be used. EPA Method 18 may be used in lieu of EPA Method 25 or EPA Method 25a provided the identity and approximate concentrations of the analytes/compounds in the sample gas stream are known before analysis with the gas chromatograph and the gas chromatograph is calibrated for each of those known analyte/compound to ensure that the VOC concentrations are neither under- or over-reported. [District Rule 4401, 6.3.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
51. VOC content shall be analyzed by using the latest revision of ASTM Method E168, E169, or E260 as applicable. Analysis of halogenated exempt compounds shall be performed by using ARB Method 432. [District Rule 4401, 6.3.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
52. Leak inspection, other than audio-visual, and measurements of gaseous leak concentrations shall be conducted according to EPA Method 21 using an appropriate portable hydrocarbon detection instrument calibrated with methane. The instrument shall be calibrated in accordance with the procedures specified in EPA Method 21 or the manufacturer's instruction, as appropriate, not more than 30 days prior to its use. The operator shall record the calibration date of the instrument. Where safety is a concern, such as measuring leaks from compressor seals or pump seals when the shaft is rotating, a person shall measure leaks by placing the instrument probe inlet at a distance of one (1) centimeter or less from the surface of the component interface. [District Rule 4401, 6.3.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
53. The VOC content by weight percent (wt.%) shall be determined using American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) D1945 for gases and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Method 304-91 or the latest revision of ASTM Method E168, E169 or E260 for liquids. [District Rule 4401, 6.3.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

54. The operator shall maintain an inspection log in which the operator records at least all of the following for each inspection performed: 1) The total number of components inspected, and the total number and percentage of leaking components found by component type, 2) The location, type and name or description of each leaking component and description of any unit where the leaking component is found, 3) The date of leak detection and the method of leak detection, 4) For gaseous leaks, the leak concentration in ppmv and, for liquids leaks, whether the leak is major or minor, 5) The date of repair, replacement or removal from operation of leaking components, 6) The identity and location of essential components and critical components as defined in this Rule, found leaking, that cannot be repaired until the next process unit turnaround or not later than one year after leak detection, whichever comes earlier, 7) The methods used to minimize the leak from essential components and critical components found leaking that cannot be repaired until the next process unit turnaround or not later than 1 year after detection, whichever comes earlier, 8) The date or re-inspection and the leak concentration in ppmv after the component is repaired or replaced, 9) The inspectors name, business mailing address, and business telephone number, and 10) The date and signature of the facility operator responsible for the inspection and repair program certifying the accuracy of the information recorded in the log. [District Rule 4401, 6.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
55. The operator shall establish and implement an employee training program for inspecting and repairing components and recordkeeping procedures as necessary. [District Rule 4401, 6.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
56. By January 30 of each year, an operator shall submit to the APCO for approval, in writing, an annual report indicating any changes to an existing Operator Management Plan. [District Rule 4401, 6.7] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
57. All records of required monitoring data and support information shall be maintained for a period of at least five years and shall be made readily available for District inspection upon request. [District Rules 2520, 9.4.2 and 4401, 6.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit